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Dear Parents

Parish

Fr David is delighted to see the children attending school/class masses again! He is also looking forward to the children attending weekly Sunday masses with their families.



Each week after mass, he gives out activity sheets for the children who have been attending regularly, especially those in Years 3 and 4 who are serious about making their First Holy Communion later this year.

We pray that you help support our young Catholics on their faith journey. Thank you.

Absent from School

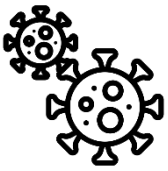
If your child is going to be absent from school due to Covid illness or isolation, please inform the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message on the answerphone (Option 1).



If your child is well enough to do work at home, please let the school office know when you call. Class teachers will set a couple of pieces of work (Maths and English) for your child to do while they are at home. The expectation is for your child to complete this work to prevent them from falling too far behind. Class teachers will only add more work, the next day, if previous work has been completed as they are already busy teaching in class during the day.

Latest Covid Guidance

If your child develops symptoms and/or tests positive for Covid on a Lateral Flow Device Test (LFD) they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. However, please note the self-isolation period can be ended earlier. For instance:



- Take an LFD test on day 5.
- Take an LFD test on day 6. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later.
- If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation and return to school.
- If your child continues to test positive on day 6, keep testing on a daily basis (24 hours apart) until you have 2 consecutive negative test results or until your 10 days of isolation has ended, whichever comes first.
- Report all results to https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Parents at School Events

Last December, we followed the guidance and strong recommendations from the Director of Public Health for Bexley to temporarily suspend parental attendance at school events.



Now positive Covid case numbers have started to decline, we are pleased to reintroduce parental participation at school events. We ask all parents to wear a mask when attending future school events to help keep yourself and the children safe from accidental transmission. We will continue to closely monitor positive Covid case numbers in school and take necessary precautions when needed. Thank you for your support.

Love, Learn, Live

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February 2022 – Theme '*All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online*'



The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Please take time to talk to your child about this issue; a small conversation might spare you and your family much heartache in the future. The school website has a great many links to support parents with these issues. Please go to the 'Parents tab' to 'Supporting Online Safety'.

Children's Mental Health Week – 7th – 13th February 2022 - Theme 'Growing Together'



If you follow current affairs, you will no doubt be aware of the growing concerns around the mental health of children. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Growing Together'. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt, and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

World Book Day



This year, World Book Day is celebrating its 25th birthday! We would like to celebrate on **Thursday 10th March 2022.** Our theme will be 'Everyone has a story to share'.

Costumes: we would love the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book and bring that book in with them to share with others.

We are very lucky to be taking part in workshops to learn how to share a story through dance. The day will be filled with exciting activities, where the children will be able to share different stories with each other and learn how to be a story teller in a variety of ways.

Easter Enterprise Events - CAFOD

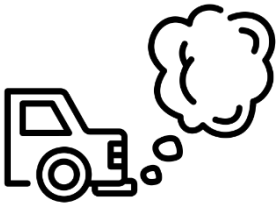
During Lent, each junior class will organise an Easter Enterprise fund raising event. Please see the main calendar for dates – thank you in advance for your support.

Little Red Box Scheme – Mission Together



Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. During Lent, each infant class, will take home a Little Red Box to collect money to help support Pope Francis' favourite charity. Boxes need to be returned by Monday 28th March 2022.

Pollution – Car Fumes



It has been noted by a parent that a number of parked cars are leaving their engines on and this is contributing to unpleasant fumes for pedestrians and cyclists. Mrs Webber and the Junior Road Safety Officers would like parents to turn their engines off to keep the air around out school cleaner. Thank you.

School Watch

The Safer Schools Team for Bexley Borough would like to bring to your attention a recent linked series of assaults on buses towards school children. Their advice is:

- Encourage your children to be vigilant and travel with friends or family
- Don't be afraid of moving if someone's behaviour concerns you
- Never be worried about calling the police on 999 or 101
- If your children have any information please report it to a member of staff or a police officer
- We recommend your children walk with friends whenever possible

Cold Weather



Please ensure that your child wears a warm coat to school, preferably waterproof with a hood and sleeves. It would be most helpful if all garments are labelled, including gloves, scarves and hats. Please avoid animal hat/scarf combinations as these are so big that they are difficult to hang up.

Should there be adverse weather conditions, please find listed below the system to inform you that the school is closed or will be closing early due to poor weather.

To check to see if the school is open, the 'Open Check' service can be viewed on-line by following a link on the school website. The autotext system will be used if the school needs to close early during the school day.

For parents without access to the internet, the status can be checked by calling 0208 408 7508 and keying in our DfE code which is 3033502.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

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Executive Head Teacher

Mrs Truss

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Head of School

The calendar is updated every month so please update your home/family calendar.

FEBRUARY 2022 Parental participation to reviewed depending on the guidance received from Public Health	
Tuesday 1st	Year 5 - CRIBS CAP Money Kids workshop
Wednesday 2nd	Year 5 trip – Westminster Abbey
Thursday 3rd	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly - only infant children watching – parents invited
Monday 7th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8th	Safer Internet Day – whole school Year 5 - CRIBS CAP Money Kids workshop
Wednesday 9th	Year 4 trip to London Aquarium Year 3 Stone Age theme day Year 6 Anxiety Workshop - MHST team
Thursday 10th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly - only infant children watching – parents invited
HALF TERM **Monday 14th February 2022 – Friday 18th February 2022** **(children return on Monday 21st February 2022)**	
Tuesday 22nd	Missio Assemblies – in-school event only
Thursday 24th	9.15 am - Year 1 and Year 6 Class Mass in church – parents invited
MARCH 2022	
Tuesday 1st	Feast of St David – children wear club clothes CAFOD assemblies – in-school event only
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday Mass – in church – junior children only – parents invited Distribution of ashes in Prayer Room - infant classes – in school event only
Friday 4th	am Years 5 and 6 - confessions with Fr David in Prayer Room
Monday 7th	Living Eggs arrive
Wednesday 9th	Lunchtime - Year 6 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 10th	World Book Day – see details in newsletter
Wednesday 16th	Year 2 trip to Chatham Dockyard Lunchtime - Year 3 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 17th	Feast of St Patrick – children wear club clothes 9.15 am - Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Tuesday 22nd	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – online appointments will be available from Tuesday 8th March 2022
Wednesday 23rd	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life Lunchtime - Year 4 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 24th	11.15 am - Feast of St Joseph – Whole School Mass in church – parents invited 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – online appointments will be available from Tuesday 8th March 2022
Friday 25th	Year 6 – last swimming lesson
Monday 28th	Year 3 and 4 Easter Play – parents invited
Tuesday 29th	CRIBS Easter Performance – in-school event only
Wednesday 30th	Year 4 Alice in Wonderland theme day Lunchtime - Year 5 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 31st	Year 5 Explorer theme day

APRIL 2022	
Friday 1st	am – School Choir out at Bexley Catholic Primary School's Choral Festival at Our Lady of the Angel's church
Easter Holidays **Monday 4th April 2022 – Monday 18th April 2022** **INSET Day – Tuesday 19th April 2022** **(children return on Wednesday 20th April 2022)**	
Thursday 21st	9.15 am - Year 1 and Year 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Friday 22nd	Year 5 Victorian theme day
Wednesday 27th	Year 4 Viking theme day
Thursday 28th	9.15 am – Year 4 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 29th	Year 5 – first swimming lesson

Details of all our regular school clubs are detailed below

Day	Club	Dates and Times
Mondays	**Mathletics – Mrs Webber** Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10th January – 21st March 2022
	Netball Club – Miss Whitaker Three terms of netball for years 5 and 6. The cost is £25.00 for the first term (£2.50 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay) Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10th January – 21st March 2022
Tuesday	**Sports Club – Mr Willis – Years 3 and 4** Autumn Term – Football Spring Term – Hockey Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £40 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay). Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 11th January – 22nd March 2022
	Choir – Mrs Tylee Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 11th January – 22nd March 2022
Wednesday	**Football/Sports Club – Mr Brady – Years 5 and 6** Two terms football/one term cricket for Years 5 and 6. The cost is £40 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay). Please contact via your child's Contact Book. There is no charge for this club for Year 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 12th January – 23rd March 2022
Thursdays	**Sports Club – Mr Brady – Years 1 and 2** Autumn Term – Game Skills Spring Term – Football Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £40 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay). Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13th January – 24th March 2022
	Orchestra – Mrs Tylee Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13th January – 24th March 2022
Fridays	**Mandarin Club – Years 3, 4 and 5** Mandarin lessons led by a teacher from Dartford Grammar School This club is free of charge	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm 14th January – 25th March 2022

Smiley Ark Breakfast Club – 7.30 am – 8.45 am – Monday - Friday
After School Club – 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm – Monday - Friday

For further details please contact Susan Ikpefuran on 07956 263531 or e-mail kids@smileyark.com
The telephone number for Smiley Ark is 07549 244180